

# **TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Kenneth Cohen, Acting Town Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** n/a

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING “A WAY HOME” BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA’S TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** Broward County Mayor Ben Graber has requested that the Town of Davie endorse “A Way Home” Broward County’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, part of the County’s nationwide campaign to abolish homelessness. Broward County is one of the few communities in the nation with a recurring dedicating funding source for homeless services.

For over a year, over 70 agencies have worked in a collaborative effort to develop this plan. An implementation committee is being established to involve all levels of government, as well as non-governmental entities.

A CD has been provided to be reviewed in concert with the resolution.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** Council tabled this item from the March 29, 2006 meeting.

**CONCURRENCES:** n/a

**FISCAL IMPACT:** unknown at this time

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve the resolution

**Attachment(s):** Resolution

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING “A WAY HOME” BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA’S TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS.

WHEREAS, The US Interagency Council of Homelessness (ICH) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness support and encourage local communities to develop Ten Year Plans to end chronic homelessness and overall homelessness, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2004, at the Florida Summit on Homelessness in Weston, Florida, Broward County announced its intention to join hundreds of other communities in developing a Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and reaffirmed this commitment in a letter to ICH Executive Director, Philip Mangano in February 2005; and

WHEREAS, since September 2004, over 140 individuals representing 70 agencies, attended workshops, focus groups, weekly steering committee meetings and nine topical committees meetings to develop the Plan; and

WHEREAS, other elements of the Plan involve goals and objectives related to prevention, data collection, access to mainstream resource and discharge planning, affordable housing, shortening the time people spend homeless, street outreach, rapid re-housing, treatment and services and income to pay for housing; and

WHEREAS, a major goal of the Plan is to add 1,200 new units of permanent supportive housing, two-thirds of which would be targeted to the chronic homeless based upon a 2005, point-in-time, analysis need; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs for the 1,200 new permanent supportive housing units includes capital development costs for 360 project based units of \$43.2 million with \$2.2 million in annual operating expenses; \$6.5 million in annual rent subsidies for 840 units of tenant based scattered apartments; and support services costing \$12 million annually. Even so, research indicates a cost

savings to house and treat the homeless as opposed to serving them no in emergency rooms and jails;  
and

WHEREAS, Broward County is already investing over \$12 million annually (FY 05) in general revenue for homeless services which is leveraged by almost \$9 million of Federal McKinney-Vento and State Office on Homelessness funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie does hereby endorse “A Way Home” Broward County’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

SECTION 2. Implementation of the plan will begin with convening an Implementation Committee charged with creating annual action plans, updates and identifying resources. Implementation will require support from federal, state, county and municipal governments and agencies, including law enforcement and corrections, hospital districts, and the School Board, as well as coordinating agencies such as the Coordinating Council of Broward. Participation from private entities such as the faith community, private landlords, developers and businesses will also be necessary.

SECTION 3. The Town staff is urged to participate in Broward County’s “A Way Home,” Broward County’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness initiative.

SECTION 4. The Town Council urges all stakeholder entities, identified in Section 2 above, to endorse the Plan and actively participate in its implementation.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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